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In Re: Patent Application

Applicant(s): Robert A. Hoffman et al. Docket No.: P-4744
Serial No.: 09/691,155 Group Art Unit: 2877
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For: **An Apparatus And Method Employing Incoherent Light Emitting
Semiconductor Devices As Particle Detection Light Sources In A Flow
Cytometer**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number **02-1666**. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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